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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08A/B. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Applicant notes that the present application contains related subject matter to U.S.

Application No. 09/996,970 filed November 20, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,648,862; U.S. Patent

Application No. 12/580,991 filed on October 16, 2009, which is a re-issue application from U.S.

Patent No. 6,648,862 identified above; U.S. Application No. 10/818,468 filed April 5, 2004; U.S.

Application No. 10/818,454 filed April 5, 2004; and U.S. Application No. 11/004,586 filed

December 4, 2004, now abandoned.

This Information Disclosure Statement, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c) is being filed after the mailing of a First Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing of a Final Office Action as far as is know to Applicant. Further, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c)(1) and 37 CFR 1.97(e), Applicant submits that no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and,

to the knowledge of the undersigned, after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in \S 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, no fee is believed to be due at this time.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to therein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 19-3140, under Order No. 11000044-0019.

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